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1. Nicola Shawi, President of the Lebanese Communist Party, met with Russian Minister Solod on 16 September to report that the following men had reached Beirut from Damascus to purchase arms:

- a. Abu Qasim Shaykh al-Shabab Arslan
- b. Abu Abdu Dib al-Shaykh

The first is of the Shaghur Quarter of Damascus, while the second is from the Amarah Quarter. Both receive instructions from Hasan Bey Hakim and therefore undoubtedly work for King Abdallah and Greater Syria, source states.

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Comment: Hasan Bey Hakim is a Royalist leader in Damascus who works for Abdallah for the Greater Syria Plan. Abu Abdu Dib al-Shaykh was a member of the People's Committee for the Protection of the Elections, set up in the spring by Abdallah to watch the elections in Syria. At that time al-Shaykh made trips to Amman to report on the work of the committee.

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Comment: In a previous report source said that the Syrian Communist Headquarters had reported to the Soviet Legation in Beirut the arrival in Damascus of large funds from Amman for the purchase of arms. Hasan Bey Hakim was reported to be in charge of these funds.

2. Shawi also reported frequent visits of the bandit chief, Mulhim Qasim, to Beirut. Communist shadowing of Qasim uncovered Qasim's desire to purchase arms. Qasim is reported to have reached an understanding with the Haydars of the district of Baalbak.

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